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Moscow Authorities Approve Nationalist Rally on City Outskirts

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Moscow City Hall has approved the Russian March, a nationalist rally held every year, in the Lyublino district on the city's outskirts on Nov. 4, the RIA Novosti state-run news agency reported Monday.

It remained unclear whose initiative had been approved, because earlier in the day news reports said a similar application submitted by Dmitry Dyomushkin, a notorious nationalist activist, had been declined by the city authorities.

"It has been approved for another group of people. They applied for a march and a stand-up meeting [and] it was suggested that they hold a march from noon to 1 p.m. in accordance with the route they applied for, and hold ... a meeting of up to 5,000 people," Vasily Oleinik, first deputy head of City Hall's department of regional security, was cited by RIA as saying.

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down his application to hold the Russian March on Nov. 4, a public holiday known as National Unity Day.

“The department of regional security rejected [my application] without giving any reason,” he was cited by Interfax as saying.

Dyomushkin added that there was hope that applications submitted by other nationalist activists would get approval.

A criminal case was launched against Dyomushkin in June after anti-Islam slogans were spotted during the 2013 Russian March. He is suspected of publicly calling on people to break the law, Kommersant reported.

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